

Coming Events

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July 5 – Cleanup of Ediz Hook

July 7 – Rob Young, co-author of *A Rising Sea*
at Feiro Marine Life Center

July 14 – Thunder Bay staff and volunteers arrive

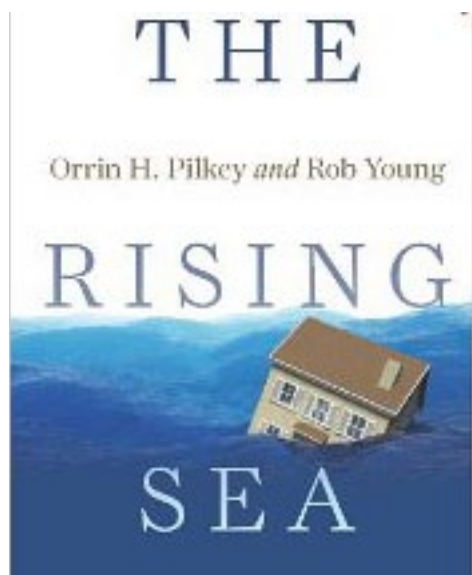
July 19 – Canoe Landing at Neah Bay

Beach Cleanup July 5

Many of us enjoy Fourth of July celebrations and beautiful fireworks, but unfortunately the holiday makes a mess of local beaches. Clallam County Beach Watchers and Olympic Coast Discovery Center volunteers are invited to participate in a beach cleanup of Ediz Hook on Monday, July 5. Check in at the bathrooms near the entrance to the Coast Guard base at 10:00 for garden gloves and trash bags, and be sure to let us know if you participated in this outreach event. Also, please let us know if you would rather clean up Hollywood Beach, and we will have trash bags and gloves available at the OCDC.

Feiro Marine Life Center Announces the 6th in its 2010 Marine Science Series

Rob Young, director of the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines, professor of geosciences at Western Carolina University and co-author of *A Rising Sea* will speak at Feiro Marine Life Center on Wednesday, July 7 at 6:30pm. *A Rising Sea* by Pilkey and Young summarizes the current changes in sea levels around the world, and what can be expected with anticipated changes in global climate trends. Importantly, the book includes guidelines for coping with foreseeable consequences of sea level rise. Professor Young will discuss his book and complete the evening reviewing his work with the BP oil spill on the Louisiana Coast. In addition to his work with the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines, Professor Young is working with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe to show how the Elwha Dam Removal and Restoration project will impact the tribe's cultural heritage. "The project is unique in that the kids are being taught science and culture side by side. We hope this makes the science more interesting and more relevant," says Professor Young.



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A Rising Sea will be available to purchase at the event.

FMLC is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting marine conservation and education. A \$5 donation is suggested but not required. To assure seating please call 417-6254 to reserve your space(s).

Thunder Bay Guests arrive July 14

Eleven volunteers and staff from Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary arrive in Port Angeles Wednesday, July 14 to spend a week touring the Olympic Peninsula and Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Their busy schedule will include Hurricane Ridge, Elwha Valley, Ruby Beach, Kalaloch, Hoh Rainforest, and the Canoe Landing at Neah Bay on July 19. If you would like to spend time with our guests, we invite you to join us on Thursday, July 15 for morning tidepool exploration at Tongue Point, lunch at Salt Creek County Park, afternoon at Hurricane Ridge, dinner at Toga's, or an OCNMS update at Feiro Marine Life Center in the evening. Please send an email or call the office to let us know if you are coming.



Tribal Journey to Neah Bay

Approximately 100 Native American canoes will arrive in Neah Bay on Monday, July 19 to begin a week-long celebration including canoe races, songs, dances, and stories shared by all the participating tribes. Up to 12,000 people will gather for this event, and many volunteers are needed throughout the week to help with food preparation and serving, directing traffic, and a host of other jobs. To learn more about the events, or to sign up to volunteer, go to their official website at <http://paddletomakah.org>.

Coral Cruise update

In 2006 OCDC volunteers had an opportunity to hear Ed Bowlby and Mary Sue Brancato speak just after their return from a research cruise in the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. The photos and video they showed were absolutely incredible, and their excitement about this deep sea habitat was contagious. When Ed asked if I was able to participate in this summer's expedition I was delighted, anticipating another spectacular cruise. Unfortunately this year was plagued first with technical difficulties, then with such severe weather that on several days the McArthur's commanding officer refused to allow us to launch research vehicles. The AUV was able to make two night dives, and the ROV completed one 9-hour dive in the National Marine Sanctuary, but this was much less than everyone had planned. For further details check out the Expedition website at http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/missions/2010coral_west/

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Beach Mural

A beautiful new mural of beaches in Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary catches visitors' attention at the entrance to the Olympic Coast Discovery Center. The mural was designed by Carey Floyd, OCNMS graphic artist, then assembled and installed by Jim Lamont, OCDC volunteer. A handout will soon be available with driving / hiking directions for the beaches. Thank You, Jim, for all the hours devoted to this project!



Parking in the Landing Mall

If you drive to the waterfront to volunteer in the OCDC, please do not park on the upper level of the parking lot. We've been asked to park on the lower level on the east side of the parking lot that is along the fence. That way the covered parking and upper level will be available for restaurant, salon, and wine bar customers. Thanks for your cooperation!

Report from Thetis Island

Story and photo by Genie DeVine

On June 13, volunteers of the Discovery Center and Feiro Marine Life Center embarked on an adventure to Thetis Island in the Gulf Islands of British Columbia. Andy Lamb, our host, picked us up at the Victoria Ferry and we headed for Chemainus to get the ferry to Thetis where Andy and his wife Virginia have a B&B on the island with a population of around 375. Chemainus is a former logging town and has become famous for the historical murals which cover many of the buildings in this small town.

On Thetis, we settled into very comfortable accommodations overlooking the water and watched the many birds at numerous feeders around the house. After lunch, we were able to explore the beach just steps from the back patio. Some members took kayaks out to work up an appetite for dinner which was a feast! The food was plentiful and delicious.

On day 2, after breakfast, the group hiked to the top of the island for the wonderful views and thought we were taking a loop trail back down to the road. But, alas that was not where we ended up and had to backtrack UP the hill again on a sunny warm day and go back down the way we had come up. Then it was to the tidepools while the tide was still low. We saw many crabs and ochre sea stars (which were very purple) and after turning over several rocks found a midshipman fish with a large cluster of yellow eggs attached to the underside of the rock being protected by the male fish. These tidepools are very different than Tongue Point. There is a sandy substrate with sandstone ribs extending out into the water. We had definitely worked up an appetite for a Thai dinner which was delivered by a local caterer.

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Day 3, early breakfast and pack up for the trip to Sydney, B.C. and the marine life center which was fantastic. Jellyfish tanks with the various stages of development and an octopus in an overhead bridge tank. Then after lunch, to the Victoria ferry terminal. Andy Lamb, our host, was very knowledgeable of the critters (he wrote the book!) and Virginia is a wonderful cook and made us all feel right at home and well cared for.

Thank You, Volunteers!

So many volunteers have made a special contribution this month! In addition to James working 45 hours in the OCDC, and Jim Lamont building and installing the mural, Carol Huard, Genie DeVine, Jim Jewell, Jim Fedderly and Gerri Ferguson have all volunteered 9 or more hours in the OCDC. Anita, Bruce, David, Becky, Kathleen, and Douglas have also been a big help. Thanks to everyone!

Volunteer(s) of the Month – James and Hans

James Keehn and Hans are new volunteers in the Olympic Coast Discovery Center this summer. After a career in underwater construction and home building, James has been a volunteer firefighter and EMT in remote areas in Alaska, and also a volunteer at the Bonneville Dam. Hans has been his companion for the last five years. James, who has six kids, enjoys hiking, baking, scuba diving, remodeling homes, fishing, and skiing – both on snow and water. He is hoping to buy a house and remain in Port Angeles. Thanks, James and Hans, for volunteering 45 hours in the OCDC in June!

